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SUBJECT: GROUP TRAVEL: U.S. COUNCIL FOR S.E. ASIAN
TRADE AND INVESTMENT

REFS: A) STATE 066242; B) MANILA 6629

1. STATE 066242 INFORMED POSTS SUBJECT GROUP WAS NOT RPT
NOT IOGA TRADE MISSION AND THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD THERE-
FORE MADE NO COMMITMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THIS GROUP ON
BEHALF OF ADDRESSEE POSTS.

2. FOR POST'S BACKGROUND INFORMATION, THIS GROUP ONE OF
SOME FIFTY OR MORE EACH YEAR WHICH FOR VARIOUS REASONS,
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E.G., TOO LARGE IN NUMBERS; INCLUDE WIVES AND/OR OTHER NON-

BUSINESS MEMBERS; INSUFFICIENT LEAD TIME FOR EFFECTIVE PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION, ETC., ARE UNABLE TO MEET COMMERCE CRITERIA FOR IOGA SUPPORT. COMMERCE MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO TURN THESE ORGANIZATIONS AROUND TO MEET ESTABLISHED FORMAT OF FORMAL IOGA MISSIONS. HOWEVER, MOST OF THESE GROUPS USUALLY AWARE OF IOGA RESTRICTIONS OF SIZE, ETC., HAVE NORMALLY FIRMED THEIR PLANS BY THE TIME THEY APPROACH COMMERCE FOR SOME TYPE OF ASSISTANCE. THE USUAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IS NOTIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE POSTS

OF THEIR PLANS AND REQUEST FOR POST BRIEFINGS. COMMERCE TRANSMITS THESE REQUESTS TO THE POSTS WITHOUT COMMITMENT. POSTS THEN MUST DETERMINE WITHIN THEIR OWN RESOURCES WHAT LEVEL OF SUPPORT THEY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE. AS STATED IO FAM POSTS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO PROVIDE SAME LEVEL OF SUPPORT TO NON-IOGAS AS TO OFFICIALLY SPONSORED MISSIONS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT SINCE COMMERCE INFORMS NON-IOGAS THAT THEY MAY EXPECT LITTLE MORE THAN PERHAPS AN EMBASSY BRIEFING. IF POSTS PROVIDE SAME LEVEL OF SUPPORT TO ALL GROUPS, THEIR INCENTIVE TO MEET IOGA CRITERIA IS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED.

3. WITH REGARD TO FINANCES, TO DATE WE HAVE HAD LITTLE OR NO DIFFICULTY WITH IOGAS BEING SELF-SUPPORTING WITH SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY OPERATING OVERHEAD AS WELL AS HOSPITALITY EXPENSES. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT FOUND IT NECESSARY TO GO BEYOND OUR CURRENT REQUIREMENT THAT IOGA ORGANIZERS PROVIDE A WRITTEN GUARANTEE OF A \$1000 PER STOP. AS FAR AS NON-IOGAS ARE CONCERNED, WE HAVE NO REQUIREMENT THAT THEY DISCLOSE THEIR FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, REGARDLESS OF THE TYPE OF MISSION OR VISITING GROUP, COMMERCE WOULD NOT EXPECT A POST TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS FROM ITS OWN ACCOUNT. THE FACT THAT AMEMBASSY MANILA FOUND IT APPROPRIATE ON THIS OCCASION TO DIP INTO ITS OWN FUNDS FOR A NON-IOGA GROUP WILL NOT, WE HOPE, BE TAKEN AS A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER GROUPS. KISSINGER

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